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Defense Party Takes Full House

By Marie McNair

FRIENDS of Secretary of Defense and Mrs. Charles Wilson and Deputy Secretary of Defense and Mrs. Robert Anderson, run into the hundreds. And all must have been at the joint reception given yesterday by the Wilsons and the Andersons at the Officers Club at Fort McNair.



Mrs. McNair

It was a cocktail party on a giant scale with diplomats, the Cabinet, the Congress, Texans, Michiganders, Washingtonians, the Army, Navy and Air Force all in full dress array.

To lessen the congestion in the big ballroom, the four hosts decided to receive in the Gold Room downstairs. Later, just before the 8 o'clock closing hour, Secretary and Mrs. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Anderson broke the line and came up to see their particular friends.

Mrs. Wilson who has lost weight since her illness, wore a dove gray taffeta frock with matching silk applique and two enormous white orchids pinned to her shoulder. Mrs. Anderson's dress was black chiffon and lace made with low neckline and the briefest of sleeves.

Come-early, go-early guests were the Peruvian Ambassador, Fernando Berckemeyer and Rep. Clark Thompson, whom I met on the steps outside.

Upstairs conversation went on to the accompaniment of the Air Force Orchestra.

YOU HAD to do a ring-around-the-buffet table to actually see who was there. The

table stretching down the center of the room featured hot biscuits, sliced ham, turkey and rare roast beef at each end, with a white-capped chef kept busy with a knife. Pineapples scooped out, held appetizing fresh fruit balls; cream cheese boats were filled with caviar; there were platters of deviled eggs, nests of greens containing slivered salmon, sardines, herring, etc., and a sweet table with a china cow filled to the brim with mints; strawberries, carrots, apples in marzipan and plates of petits fours.

The Austrian Ambassador and Mme. Gruber and Chief of Staff and Mrs. Matthew Ridgway made a chatty foursome. Mrs. Nathan Twining, wife of the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and Mrs. Lemuel Shepherd, wife of the Commandant of the Marines were there. If their husbands were I didn't see them.

Texas Senator Lyndon Johnson and Mrs. Johnson headed the Texas delegation. Also from the stat, that is the Andersons' home, were Senator Price Daniel, Representative and Mrs. Homer Thornberry who had with them Everett Hutchinson, newest member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Mrs. Hutchinson from the Thornberrys' home town—Austin.

Representative Bob Poague came wearing a Texas blue-bonnet in his lapel, and Lady Makins, wife of the British Ambassador, left with it pinned to her navy blue frock.

CHIEF JUSTICE and Mrs. Earl Warren were there and also from the Supreme Court were Justice and Mrs. Stanley Reed, talking to the German Ambassador, Dr. Heinz Krekeler; Justice and Mrs.

William O. Douglas, Justice and Mrs. Tom Clark.

Homer Ferguson, former Michigan Senator who has been named Ambassador to the Philippines, and Mrs. Ferguson were hemmed in by well-wishing friends. They expect to leave, says Mrs. Ferguson, March 29 for Manila.

Mrs. J. Lawton Collins, wife of the former Chief of Staff, said she expects her husband home from Saigon, where he's a Special Ambassador, about the end of April.

Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Henry Holland, Budget Director and Mrs. Roland Hughes, Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams and Mrs. Adams, and Max Rabb of the White House staff were there also.

Mrs. George Mesta and Mrs. George Holmes arrived together.

Judge Eugene Worley was there and Mrs. Worley's red hat, like Mrs. Morris Cafritz's, were bright splashes in the crowd.

How about some MORE? Well—the Chinese Ambassador and Mme. Koo, the Canadian Ambassador and Mrs. A. D. P. Heeney, the Thai Ambassador and Mme. Sarasin, the Minister of Iceland and Mme. Thors, Assistant Secretary of Defense and Mrs. Wilfred McNeil, Gen. and Mrs. Wade Haislip, Deputy Director General of Central Intelligence, Lieut. Gen. Charles P. Cabell, Robert Garner, vice president of the International Bank.

From the CABINET: The Attorney General and Mrs. Brownell, the Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. Ezra Benson, the Secretary of Labor and Mrs. James P. Mitchell, Mrs. George Humphrey, wife of the Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Douglas McKay, wife of the Secretary of the Interior.

FROM THE SERVICES:

Assistant Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Arthur Trudeau and Mrs. Trudeau, Judge Advocate General Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Reginald Harmon, Chief of Navy Materiel Vice Admiral Murrey Royer and Mrs. Royer, the Navy Inspector General Rear Admiral Stuart Murray and Mrs. Murray, Maj. Gen. John H. Stokes, Jr., Commanding General Military District of Washington, and Mrs. Stokes and lots and lots more!